

MEMORANDUM FOR: **Approved For Release 2005/06/23 : CIA-RDP79M00467A003100090014-4**

Last week I told you about the Vice President's request for information about the damage the various investigations had done to US intelligence and for comparative data on the following:

- US versus Soviet intelligence expenditures and personnel.
- Soviet intelligence activities from which we are barred.
- US versus Soviet Covert Action expenditures.

All this was for some unspecified speech the Vice President wanted to give.

After getting your guidance on this matter, I passed it on to [redacted] who deals with Jon Howe, the VP's aide. Attached is [redacted] memo for the record concerning his conversation with Howe.

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Ed Proctor

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Response to Request for Contribution to Vice Presidential Speech

1. On May 5 I talked again to Jon Howe, Vice President Rockefeller's Assistant for National Security Affairs, about his request for some comparative information on Soviet and US intelligence activities and capabilities.

2. In accordance with the instructions of the DDI, Mr. Proctor, I told Howe it is Director Bush's desire that the Agency not contribute to any prolongation of debate over damage to CIA resulting from the Congressional investigations. I added that Mr. Bush wanted to talk to Mr. Rockefeller about this subject.

3. In the meantime, I said, Howe could have a copy of several statements citing examples of "damages" done to our intelligence effort--a list that had been approved for release to the public. I informed him that despite this approval, the DDI was of the opinion that to the extent such statements are publicized, other foreigners who presently are cooperating with the Agency might decide they too should cease to cooperate.

4. Howe was disappointed that I couldn't help him in this matter, saying he hadn't wanted to get the Director involved in this. He assured me that "we have great respect for Mr. Bush and would be glad to talk to him" about this subject. At one point Howe indicated that he would just have to develop himself the kind of statements he wants. The speech in which they would be included will be made by Mr. Rockefeller in June at the Air Force Academy's graduation ceremony.

Chief, White House Support Staff

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